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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

REF: SUVA 566 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL TRANSMITTED ESSENCE OF TONGAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR U.S. FUNDING OF FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MARKETS IN HAWAII AND WEST COAST FOR TONGAN TROPICAL PRODUCE, HANDICRAFTS, FROZEN FISH AND OTHER GOODS, AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY OF GREATER FLOW OF U.S. GOODS AND INVESTMENT CAPITAL INTO TONGA.

2. AS REQUESTED WE WILL INDEED GIVE THIS REQUEST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AS PART OF OUR SOUTH PACIFIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THESE TOPICS WERE RAISED IN GENERAL TERMS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATE/AID SURVEY MISSION IN JANUARY AND WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT NEW ZEALANDERS AND/OR AUSTRALIANS HAVE ALREADY DONE SOME STUDIES REGARDING POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORTS FROM TONGA IN SUCH THINGS AS BANANAS AND HANDICRAFTS. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT SUCH STUDIES MAY NOT HAVE FOCUSED ON THE AMERICAN MARKET, THEY MAY HAVE REACHED BASIC CONCLUSIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE A BEARING ON ANY DECISION WE

MIGHT MAKE REGARDING THE CURRENT TONGAN REQUEST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE AMEMBASSIES WELLINGTON AND CANBERRA

CONTACTING NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN AID AUTHORITIES TO SEE WHAT WORK, IF ANY, HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THEM IN THIS FIELD. IF COPIES OF PREVIOUS STUDIES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US, THEY WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL.

3. FOR SUVA: IF THIS STUDY IS FINANCED THROUGH AID, ONE PRIME CONSIDERATION THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED WILL BE HOW IT DIRECTLY BENEFITS THE NEEDY. THEREFORE, ANY ADDITIONAL DETAIL YOU CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THE SPECIFIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSALS SPECIFIED IN REFTEL ON THE POOREST ELEMENTS OF THE TONGAN POPULATION (OTHER THAN THE GENERAL MACROECONOMIC CONNECTION BETWEEN INCREASED NATIONAL PROSPERITY AND WELL BEING OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS) WILL BE MOST USEFUL. IN ADDITION, ANY SUCH STUDY OR PORTION THEREOF WOULD HAVE TO BE PUBLICIZED FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

4. WE ARE, HOWEVER, EXPLORING WAYS OF OBTAINING FINANCING FOR ALL OR PART OF THE TONGAN REQUEST THROUGH OTHER MEANS WHERE THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN PARA 3 ABOVE MAY NOT APPLY. KNOWLEDGE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES WILL, HOWEVER, BE EQUALLY

USEFUL EVEN IF WE PROCEED THROUGH THEIR NON-A.I.D. CHANNELS. CHRISTOPHER

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